

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 SANA 00242 151508Z
ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 EUR-12 ACDA-12 IO-13 OMB-01 TRSE-00
CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-05 H-01 INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00
NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06 /095 W
-----018727 151714Z /40

R 151315Z JAN 78
FM AMEMBASSY SANA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3535
INFO AMEMBASSY JIDDA

C O N F I D E N T I A L SANA 242

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, SA, YE
SUBJECT: SAUDI INTEREST IN YEMEN AIR FORCE

1. DURING JAN. 15 CONVERSATION, SAUDI MILITARY ATTACHE SALIH HUDAYAN TOLD ME THAT SAUDI MILITARY MISSION HERE IN SANA IS NOW CONSIDERING VARIOUS WAYS TO DIMINISH SOVIET INFLUENCE IN THE YEMEN AIR FORCE. ONE IDEA IS FOR THE SOVIET TRAINERS AND SPECIALISTS TO BE REPLACED BY PAKISTANIS AND EGYPTIANS WHO HAVE SIMILAR EXPERIENCE ON MIG AIRDRAFT. ANOTHER PROPOSAL (WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN PARTAILLY IMPLEMENTED) IS TO SEND YEMENI PILOTS TO SAUDI ARABIA FOR TRAINING.

2. HUDAYAN CONFIRMED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO DECIDED IN PRINCIPLE TO PROVIDE YEMEN WITH A PRESIDENTIAL AIRCRAFT TO REPLACE THE PRESENT ILYUSHIN WHICH

THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT HAS PROVIDED THE YEMENI GOVERNMENT FOR THE LAST 7 TO 8 YEARS. THE REPLACEMENT OF THE ILYUSHIN WOULD MEAN THE REMOVAL OF APPROXIMATELY 30 MAINTENANCE AND CREW PERSONNEL FOR WHOSE SERVICES THE YEMENIS MUST PAY AND WHO, IN HUDAYAN'S OPINION, ARE "ALL SPIES". HUDAYAN
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 SANA 00242 151508Z

WAS NOT SURE WHAT TYPE OF PLANE WOULD BE PROVIDED BUT THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A MODIFIED VERSION OF A BOEING 737 WHICH WOULD BE MANNED BY AN AMERICAN CREW.

3. COMMENT: ALL OF THESE IDEAS ARE EXCELLENT AND, IF IMPLEMENTED, WILL DEMONSTRATE FURTHER THAT

SAUDI ARABIA HAS NOW APPARENTLY MADE A BASIC POLICY
DECISION TO GIVE FULL SUPPORT TO GHASHMI.
SCOTES

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PERSONNEL TRAINING, MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, AIR FORCE
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 15 jan 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978SANA00242
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780022-0549
Format: TEL
From: SANA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780162/aaaabzyi.tel
Line Count: 65
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: b99f63e3-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 24 jun 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3772772
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: SAUDI INTEREST IN YEMEN AIR FORCE
TAGS: MASS, SA, YE
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odhc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/b99f63e3-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014